



# Park View News

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## Dates to Remember:

May 2nd, 6:30pm: District 8 men's dinner

May 6th, 7pm: Cabinet meeting

May 12th: **Mother's Day**  
12pm: Mother's Day reception

May 13th, 7pm: Elder's meeting

May 14th, 7pm: CWF bible study

May 27th: **Memorial Day**

## Celebrate Life

*Philippians 4:3 – Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*

I received a phone call from a friend I had not heard from in a while. They were apologizing for not keeping in touch but explained they had gone through a grueling period at work and at home. He had taken a new job and had to uproot the family. The decision almost split his family but a few months after the move they discovered they had made the right decision. Now he was struggling to resolve the built up tension and bring peace

back into his home. I asked, "when was the last time he celebrated his family?" "What do you mean?" he replied. There's a season for everything. A time to save and a time to spend. A time to focus and a time to forget. A time to grind it out and a time to celebrate. If we don't take time to celebrate what God is doing in our lives we miss our season of praise. As Christians we are taught to be humble and gracious and we should always submit ourselves to Gods will. Yet when God shows up and helps us through

the valleys and storms we don't take the time and experience the joy of His blessings. Part of being filled with the joy of the Lord is having a deep appreciation of His hand in your life and acknowledging His presence through praise. Celebrate your loved ones, take time and laugh with those who have endured the grind with us. Celebrate Life!

Pastor Will Collins  
Senior Pastor

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## No Creed but Christ, No Statement but Identity

As Disciples of Christ, we like to say that we have no creed but Christ and no book but the Bible. The word creed comes from the Latin word credo, which simply means "I believe." Most creeds, like the Apostles' Creed and Nicene Creed, are lists of beliefs. Our Disciples of Christ forebears determined that creeds such as these were unnecessary. If you want to know what we believe, simply read the New Testament. Everything that we believe is in there and doesn't need qualifying or expanding upon. So as Disciples of Christ today

we still have no creed but Christ and no book but the Bible...and this thing called our statement of identity. Wait, what? A creed is nothing more than a set of beliefs or aims, and if you read the statement of identity and the associated principles of identity, they sound a little like they may meet the definition of a creed. This was one of the main concerns when the statement of identity was adopted by the Disciples of Christ General Board in 2009, that we were abandoning one of our founding principles of no creed but Christ. However, it was

determined that making a statement boldly on our identity as Disciples of Christ outweighed these concerns. It is important to name and claim our foundational values and commitments as a church. All of us need to have clarity about who we are in order to be faithful and effective witnesses to Jesus Christ. Our statement and principles of identity are powerful. Please think deeply about them as you read them.

Statement of Identity:  
We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome

## No Creed But Christ, cont'd

all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

Principles of Identity:

1. We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world, requiring nothing more – and nothing less – as a basis of our life together.
2. We hold the centrality of scripture, recognizing that each person has the freedom – and the responsibility – to study God's Word within the community of the church.
3. We practice the baptism of believers, which emphasizes that God's grace demands a response of faith and discipleship, while also recognizing the baptism performed in other churches.
4. We gather for the Lord's Supper, as often as possible, experiencing at this table the gracious, forgiving presence of Jesus Christ.
5. We structure our community

around the biblical idea of covenant, emphasizing not obedience to human authority but accountability to one another because of our shared obedience to Christ.

6. We participate in God's mission for the world, working with partners to heal the brokenness of creation and bring justice and peace to the whole human family.
7. We hear a special calling to make visible the unity of all Christians, proclaiming that in our diversity we belong to one another because we commonly belong to Christ.
8. We witness to the Gospel of God's saving love for the world in Jesus Christ, while continuing to struggle with how God's love may be known to others in different ways.
9. We affirm the priesthood of all believers, rejoicing in the gifts of the Holy Spirit – which include the gift

of leadership – that God has given for the common good.

10. We celebrate the diversity of our common life, affirming our different histories, styles of worship, and forms of service.
  11. We give thanks that each congregation, where Christ is present through faith, is truly the church, affirming as well that God's church and God's mission stretch from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.
  12. We anticipate God's coming reign, seeking to serve the God – Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer – whose loving dominion has no end.
- We have a succinct statement of identity, under girded by twelve distinct principles of what it means to be Disciples of Christ. It is important to fully understand who we are as we move forward as a church. Amen.

Jason Chuma, Worship Chair



## A Message from the Family of Milton Jones

Dear Park View Family,  
The family of Milton Jones would like to thank all of the wonderful friends in the church who have been so supportive during the long months of his illness and his final week in

Norfolk General Hospital. The Son Rise band has been so good to relieve me of music responsibilities a such a busy time in the life of the church season; they were a God-send and our new minister conducted the funeral service as if he

knew Milton even though he had never met him prior to seeing him the day he was admitted to the hospital and on life support. Our sincere thanks to all of you,

Carolyn, Charles, and Sarah

## Summer Stewardship

With summer approaching, we're all looking forward to vacations and fun in the sun. We hope you enjoy them, but please don't forget to make arrangements so you can continue your usual tithes and offerings! As Pastor Will always says, the Lord loves a cheerful giver.

## Mother's Day Reception

Join us following our combined traditional and contemporary I am worship service for a reception to honor the mothers of Park View Christian Church. A cake will be provided by the CWF and other light refreshments will be provided by the membership department. We hope you enjoy the food and fellowship!



## CWF News

We are currently working on making more of the heart shaped comfort pillows that will be donated to the CHKD NICU for premature babies. We have already made 50 cloth heart pillows and are sending them to Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters. Our next service project will be helping sponsor Tools For Hope in

June. The money raised for this outreach is to buy farm tools and vegetable and fruit seeds and to teach third world countries how to raise their own foods and prevent hunger. Our next Bible Study group meeting on May 14th at 7 pm and All women are invited to this. We have a short planning meeting and also refreshments. Then on June 11th we will meet at Gina Artz'

home for a cookout and fellowship at 6pm. We will take a break in July and August and resume our group meetings in September. PLEASE plan to come and join in this fun and inspirational women's fellowship.

Gina Artz, CWF President

## Summer Fun is Coming to Park View!

Mark your calendars for these special events that are being planned for summertime. The CWF is again planning a Mother-Daughter Banquet and the date is planned for June 25th at 6:30 pm. The location will be announced soon. Ladies- make plans to attend this fun social event and bring friends, Moms, Aunts and

daughters. On this night we will also recognize a Woman of the Year of Park View Christian Church and may have some special entertainment. This summer the CWF will also sponsor a community yard sale like we did last year. It will be inside and outside and tables will be available for individuals to sell their own items. I ask you to save any items you are cleaning out of house

for our yard sale and you can bring them to the church for storage if needed. Many people donated lots of good things last year for the church to sell and we did well. The date will be announced shortly but will be late in June. Please stay tuned for more information!

Gina Artz, CWF Chair

# Prayer Time with Warren

Great Master,

Only you can take the broken pieces of a person's life and recreate a masterpiece. Thank you dear Lord for chipping away on my rough edges each day to get me as far as you have. Although I am a long, long way from being the finished masterpiece you may intend, I am grateful for you having stuck by me this far. Lord it is with a humbled heart that I embrace your unfailing love for me. I am dependent upon you for all that I am and all that I hope to be. May the gifts and talents you have blessed me with always be used to love, lift and encourage others. In Jesus name I pray.

Amen

In quietness and confidence shall be your strength.

Isaiah 30:15

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## Revised Common Lectionary readings for May

5: Acts 9:1-6; Psalm 30;  
Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19  
12: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23;  
Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30  
19: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148;  
Revelation 21:1-6; John 13:31-35  
26: Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;  
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5;  
John 14:23-29 or 5:1-9

## Serving in May

### Elders

5 Gina Artz	Bonnie Gifford
12 Jason Chuma	Carolyn Jones
19 Mike Tefft	Gerald Rhoads
26 Judy Harman	Joyce Brenan

### Presiding

5 Sallie Chuma	12 Charlie Arnold
19 Mike Tefft	26 Gerald Rhoads

### Welcome Center

5 Gina & Chip Artz	12 Mother's Day
19 Judy Harman	26 TBA

## Happy Birthday!



**1: Betty Lou Cummings**  
**Brielle Carpenter**  
**2: Denise Richardson**  
**4: Brian Easton**  
**5: Kim Charlton**

## Family News & Prayer Requests

### Betty Lou Cummings

was readmitted to Maryview Hospital for three days and is now improving back at her apartment.

**Ed Sparrow** needs prayers for ongoing cancer treatments, and for his wife, Paula.

**Mitchell Daniels** frequent lung infections because of cystic fibrosis

**Warren Brenan** is receiving treatment for his knee pain; treatments have

been helping greatly.

**Leo Ruffing** Parkinson's disease and COPD as well as recovery following hospitalization.

**Peter Austin** son of Ken & Joan Austin, Huntington's Disease

**Allen Powell**, Margaret Powell's son, needs prayers for successful cancer treatments.

**Edward Easton**, Brian Easton's father, needs prayers for a full recovery

from a serious illness.

**Janice Cubberly** fell and broke her right arm on Wednesday, April 24, and is pending surgery.

**Milton Jones** passed away on Saturday, April 20. Please keep Carolyn Jones and the rest of their family in your prayers during this difficult time.

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